

# **WØMTL - Mark Twain Land Area News - WØKEM**

## **APRIL 2008**

### **HARC OFFICERS**

**PRESIDENT: HOWARD BARNES, KØDFW**  
**V-PRES: J.D. SINCLAIR, WØAJD**  
**SECRETARY: FRED MILLER, KBØWIL**  
**TREASURER: TONY GILLILAND, WØPGL**  
**TRUSTEE: CLIFF AHRENS, KØCA**  
**EDITOR: BONNIE SINCLAIR, WBØWAP**

**Next Meeting: Wednesday**  
**April 9. - 2008 at 7:30 PM**

Regular Meetings are held at Beth Haven Nursing Home, 2500 Pleasant St., Hannibal, Mo.  
Enter at the main entrance; turn left through the lounge area to the elevator. Take the elevator down to the first floor, and go to your right/left around the corner, down the hall to the cafeteria.

### **FCC VE TEST DATES FOR YEAR OF 2008**

#### **Hannibal, MO ARC 2008 Exam Dates**

**Wednesday, April 9, 2008 - 8:30 p.m.**

Wednesday, July 9, 2008 - 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 8, 2008 - 8:30 p.m.

They will take place at 8:30 PM after the regular scheduled HARC meeting. The exam session will be at the Beth Haven Nursing Home, in the Cafeteria on the 1st (lower) Floor, 2500 Pleasant St., Hannibal, MO. Registration is required at least 72 hours before the exam session by contacting the team liaison, Cliff Ahrens KØCA at k0ca@arri.net or 573-221-8618.

The 2008 test fee will be \$14.00. It goes to ARRL/VEC. Bring a photo ID (or two non-photo ID's); if currently licensed, bring the original and a photocopy of your valid FCC license; and if you are claiming credit for successful completion of an exam, bring the original and photocopy of any applicable CSCE's.

**HANNIBAL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**

### **MINUTES**

**By Fred Miller, KBØWIL**



Date of last meeting: March 12th, 2008

Location: Beth Haven Nursing Home 2500 Pleasant St. Hannibal Mo. 63401

#### **Meeting called to order by: Howie-KØDFW**

Approval of minutes in last newsletter:

Date of previous meeting: February 8th, 2008 – HARC Dinner

Motion to approve: J.D.-WØAJD

Seconded by: Brian-KB9VIS

#### **TREASURER REPORT: TONY-WØPGL**

Cash-\$ 1,114.16    CD-\$ 1,215.38

Total-\$ 2,329.54

Motion to approve: Ann-KB9BAL

Seconded by: Larry-WA6JMR

#### **REPEATER REPORT: FRED-KBØWIL**

We are experiencing noise on the 625 repeater when we have excessive wind. We are planning on having a tower climber check out the antenna this spring, when the weather warms up. The 88 machine is working great.

**HARC Dinner: Feb 8th, 2008**

We had a total of 25 members and their guests; you missed a lot of fun if you didn't attend.

**Tornado-Severe weather drill: March 11th, 2008**

The state had a test drill, in case of a tornado/severe weather on March 11th, and Howard-K0DFW ran the emergency net on our 146.625 repeater. We had (7) check ins.

**NEW MEMBER COMMITTEE:**

Mel-KC0HYY suggested that our club form a committee for new members. He said that we could help new members, in regards to getting familiar with the club current members, and the club meetings. Motion to approve: Jack-WD9CHG  
Seconded by: Bill-N9UPG. If you are asked by a person about our club, and they have internet access, tell them to go to our clubs website of [www.w0kem.com](http://www.w0kem.com) It has the current club officer's names, telephone numbers, and also the dates and location of our meetings.

**SPECIAL EVENT K9P: APRIL 2008**

**We are having the K9P special event April 24-26, 2008, at the Redneck retreat of Nancy & Carol Bartlett, near PASA-Park by Barry Illinois. This is in conjunction with the USPSA event being held at PASA-Park, we send out a very nice K9P QSL card.**

**FIELD DAY: JUNE 28TH-JUNE 29TH, 2008**

We will be holding our Field Day event at Huckleberry Park here in Hannibal Missouri. Set up time starts at 8:00AM sharp. We will have more information and the stations we are going to run at the next couple of meetings. We discussed the club setting up the antennas, and the type of push up pole we would need to accomplish this. Fred-KB0WIL mentioned we could purchase some very good quality aluminum poles, at Dayton

Hamfest this year. The members agreed. Motion to approve: Ann-KB9BAL  
Seconded by: Don-KC0RML.  
The club agreed to spend up to \$75.00.

**CLUB BARBEQUE:  
AUGUST 2ND, 2008 (SATURDAY)**

We are having our annual HARC barbeque this year in Huckleberry Park. It will be for members and their guests only. As usual, it will be a carry in type event, salads, desserts, cookies, cakes, etc. The club will provide the meats, iced tea, and water. The starting time will be announced in the near future, probably in the afternoon. Howie-K0DFW will be head chef.

**SPECIAL EVENT: LST-325 MEMORIAL SHIP**

The LST – 325 will be here in Hannibal from August 20th, -August 26th, 2008, and we may be able to operate a special event from this WWII boat. JD.-W0AJD is checking on this for us, and will keep us informed.

**50/50**

50/50 won by J.D.-W0AJD, and he donated it back to the club, thanks J.D. the club appreciates it.

**GERATOL NET FOR W0MTL:**

The club wants to thank J.D.-W0AJD for all his work on the on the air, in working all the geratol numbers for our club call of W0MTL. He was awarded a Directors Award, Unbelievable Operating Achievement Award, and also a White Dog House Award. He did this under our call of W0MTL, and we want to thank him for this.

**PRESENTATION TONIGHT:**

Jack-WD9CHG gave a great presentation on how fiber optic cable is spliced. He had a splicing machine that cost over \$12, 000, just think how many rigs you could buy with that. ha ha ...It is amazing how small and fragile the fiber optics are, his splicer's would definitely know what's going on, to do that job. It was a very interesting presentation. Thanks Jack, the club appreciates it.

**HARC WEBSITE:**

Don't forget that we now have the following to access our clubs website.

[www.w0kem.com](http://www.w0kem.com) & [www.w0kem.org](http://www.w0kem.org)

Number of members present: 17

Number of guests present: 2

Total in attendance: 19

Motion to adjourn meeting:

Motion made by: Howie-K0DFW

Seconded by: Bill-N9UPG

**Minutes of the meeting as recorded by: Fred-KB0WIL...HARC Secretary**

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**FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK  
APRIL 2008  
BY HOWARD BARNES K0DFW**



Well I hope everyone had a good Easter, and the Easter Bunny found his way to you with a new HF radio to put in your basket. All I got was eggs!!!!!!

If you missed the last meeting you missed a good one. We had Jack Elmore WD9CHG demonstrating how to weld fiber optic cable, which I had a hard time just seeing it, and welding two pieces together. The machine that he was using was a \$14,000 machine, and a \$1,500 pair of clippers just for cutting the end of the optic cables. He explained how they did all this in the field, and how they could string this stuff with different conditions. It was new stuff to me and I learned a lot. I think that everyone there had a good time listening and watching him go thru the ropes of doing it. I want to say a big thank you to Jack for taking the time to show the club this neat

seminar!!!!!!

We had a good meeting with a good bunch of members there. We discussed possibly getting to run the radio room on the World War II Landing ship LST 325 which is based in Evansville, Ind. Well, I can tell you that we do have it confirmed that we will get to run it while it is moored here in Hannibal for the last week in August. Man are we going to have a ball with this one. J.D. W0AJD is the ramrod of the project, and he is conversing back and forth with a member of the crew of the 325 ship, and we will be having a meeting to set up times to run, and on what dates. If you are interested in running a radio on the ship you need to let J.D. know, so that we can put you on the radio room list, so they can make our badges for us, so that we may board. We will need to get our call letters set for the project and get listings out in the magazines so that we may be found. Bonnie is already working on certificates, and qsl cards for the event. We have to keep a cw operator, and phone operator, in there for most of the time. We are looking for cw ops. If you want to run let us know. This will be a good time to build up the membership in our club, by getting people interested in the special events that our club is running.

We will be running the K9P special event at the International Practical Shooting Association at Berry, Ill. on April 25 and 26. This will all take place at the RED NECK RETREAT also known as Carol's WA9EFV house which is on the hill right next door to the shooting event. If we can catch the bands open, this will prove to be a good time as well. This event on the radio frequencies has a lot of interest amongst the hams on the bands, and a lot of people want to work the event. So come on over, and we will put you on the radio.

Bonnie WB0WAP, Cliff K0CA, and Fred KB0WIL have been working on the history of the radio club, and will be making a report on their findings at the next meeting. From what I hear from them, it is getting very interesting on the trails that it is leading them on. So come on down to the next meeting and we can hear it together.

Not a whole lot to talk about other than this. The days are getting longer and the grass is greening up and spring isn't far away so get ready to get some of that antenna work done you have been putting off.

See you at the next meeting April 9. At 7:30 pm at the Beth Haven Nursing home.

73s Howard K0DFW

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*Around the World*

## **DX & Computer Horizons**

### **April 2008**

**by Cliff Ahrens K0CA**



The biggest DX news for April is the anticipation of two very rare DXCC entities which should be active during May! The upcoming Glorioso DXpedition, which has an estimated start date of May 5-9, plans to be on the air for "some weeks." Check out their website at <http://glorieuses2008.free.fr/index-e.htm>. Another very rare one due up in May is Marion Island. For updated information about the ZS8 plans, see <http://zs8t.net/>. I'll have more details about these FR/G and ZS8 operations in the May DX Horizons article. But first, there'll be lots of good DX on in April as well. Here's some highlights.

5R Madagascar. Franck F4DBJ hopes to be operate as 5R8HT from the end of March until April 15th. QSL via F4DBJ.

6W Senegal. Six Swedish operators will sign 6V7I from Senegal from April 6-12. They plan to have two stations on the air on 160-10m SSB and CW.

A7 Qatar. Bill, NM7H plans to be on the bands as A7/G0MKT from Qatar from around April 1 until mid-June 2008. He plans to be active several times a week mostly on CW on 40-6 meters, but occasionally on PSK and SSB. QSL via NM7H on his return to the states or via his Qatar address on QRZ.com.

EL Liberia. Two Swiss hams, Bruno HB9BEI and Chris HB9AUZ will be in Liberia on work assignments. Bruno will operate as EL8BK on SSB and digital modes, and Chris will sign EL8CB, mainly on CW.

FJ St. Barthelemy. Look for Jurgen DJ2VO to sign FJ/DJ2VO from this new DXCC entity from April 20 to May 7. Jurgen will be active on CW on 80-10 meters, and maybe 160 meters. QSL via home call.

FT5X Kerguelen Islands. There is a possibility that Gildas TU5KG will be able to operate from the rare Kerguelen Islands as FT5XR in late March and early April. Stay tuned for further announcements from his QSL manager F4EFI.

If you're away from the Packetcluster, but have email access through your computer, PDA, or cell phone, you can get custom DX spots for selected DXCC prefixes sent to your email address. Go the DX-Central web site [www.dxcentral.com/](http://www.dxcentral.com/) and login or create an account if you're a new user. Then click on Email Alerts. Select the countries you want notice of, and request to be notified every 1,3,6, or 24 hours. The only downside is I don't find a P5 selection for North Korea. Of course if that very rare one comes on the air, we'll probably all hear about it anyway from many sources!

Thanks to the ARRL DX Bulletin, the Daily DX and the Ohio/Penn DX bulletin for some of the information in this month's column.

73 and good DX, Cliff K0CA

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## **HISTORY OF THE HARC CLUB**

Several people are finding bits and pieces of the history of the club. So far we have found some facts as far back as the thirties! It is very interesting finding such info. If you know of, or have some document of our club's old history from the 1930's until now, please share it with us. We will begin putting all of the pieces together soon. Send any info to any of the officers of the club, or to Bonnie, editor, WBØWAP at [sinclair@rallstech.com](mailto:sinclair@rallstech.com)



Come to our club meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, and more information will be available. See you there!

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### **WWII LST 325 SPECIAL EVENT**

This ship will be docking on the Riverfront sometime in the last of August 2008 and we are trying to make up a special event on the ship. JD WØAJD has been in contact with some of the people who will be in command of this ship, and is now gathering together operators that will help to create this special event for our club. Below is a picture that shows how much interest it will bring to our riverfront. If you want to assist, be sure to get hold of JD WØAJD [sinclair@rallstech.com](mailto:sinclair@rallstech.com) and come to our club meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, to keep up with the developing plans. See you there!

See the website for the story of this fantastic ship.



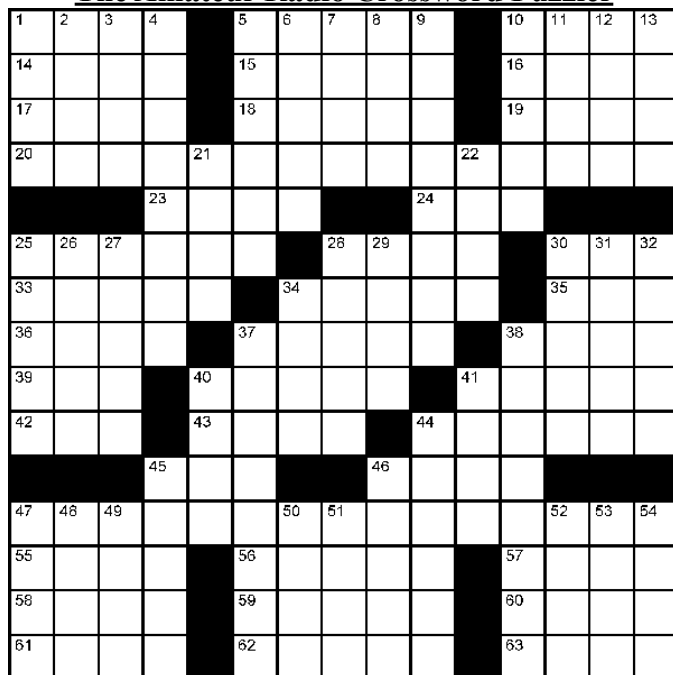
<http://www.lstmemorial.org/>

This LST (Landing Ship, Tank) is an amphibious vessel designed to land battle-ready tanks, troops and supplies directly onto enemy shores. Ships of this type proved to be enormously useful during times of war and peace both. This particular LST was originally known as LST-325 during the Second World War, USNS LST-325 during its arctic operations in the 1950's, and later L-144 (A/G Syros) while it was in the service of the Greek Navy. It was acquired by The USS LST Ship Memorial, Inc., in 2000, and caught considerable public attention when our veteran crew brought it on a 6,500-mile journey from the Greek island of Crete to Mobile, Alabama.

<http://www.lstmemorial.org/>

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### **The Amateur Radio Crossword Puzzler**



- 42. The only CW many people know
- 43. One way to stand by
- 44. Abbreviated figs. (abbr.)
- 45. AMSAT launch partner
- 46. Currency used by 45-across, mostly
- 47. Predatory contesting?
- 55. EI-land, in EI-speak
- 56. VQ9 first name
- 57. They make the 45, sometimes for big guns
- 58. Western competing org.
- 59. 3:1 dash to dot ratio, say
- 60. "Yikes!"
- 61. Biblical verb
- 62. Prefix with -cotta
- 63. Xtal filter replacements

**Down**

- 1. Daffy Duck's programming language?
- 2. LA city
- 3. A fuse maybe did this
- 4. Many hams also have one
- 5. Bidirectional flow
- 6. KH6-fests
- 7. June VHF QSO Party sponsor
- 8. Funny one
- 9. Non-op hams at 10-across stations
- 10. Large cetacean
- 11. Suffix with glitte- or lite-
- 12. Twiddle the big knob
- 13. Yaesu front panel marking
- 21. Contesters try to maximize it
- 22. 21-down, for a first-time tester?
- 25. Test results figs.
- 26. Prefix with centric or sphere
- 27. A band sometimes does it at dawn
- 28. CQ answer
- 29. Valuable minerals
- 30. Region net for NNJ and others
- 31. Gourmand
- 32. NAQP, CQWW and others, briefly
- 34. Push-\_\_\_\_
- 37. Response to a contest exchange, say
- 38. Took an alternate route
- 40. Catchall abbr.
- 41. QSL handler, slangily
- 44. Vaulted roof
- 45. Construct, as a tower
- 46. "Nevermore" quote quoter, informally
- 47. Transmit
- 48. Kit maker, once
- 49. Ominous noises from the amp, maybe
- 50. Assistant
- 51. At no time, poetically
- 52. Holiday drinks

- 53. OM in G-land
- 54. High V points on a dipole

**Copied from the ARRL website. Solution will be in next month's newsletter.**

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